REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-17 are pending. By this Response, claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 are amended, and claim 1 is canceled. The title of the invention has been amended. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

SPECIFICATION

The title of the invention is not descriptive. The title of the invention has been amended and it is believed that the title is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the title.

35 U.S.C. § 102 CLAIM REJECTIONS.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,509,775 to Saeki (Saeki). Claim 1 is canceled making the rejection moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2-11 and 13-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 8 and 9 have been amended and rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims. It is believed that the objection has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and allowance of the application.
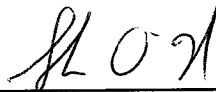
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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